

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claims 5 and 9 as follows:

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5. (Amended) A process for removing unreacted ammonia from an effluent of a catalyst bed used in ammonoxidation of hydrocarbons, comprising the steps of:

(a) providing a fluidized bed reactor, said reactor comprising:

(1) a catalyst bed for reacting ammonia and hydrocarbons

therein;

(2) a dilute phase of the catalyst bed disposed above the

D1 catalyst bed;

(3) a set of internals introduced into space above the catalyst bed layer and disposed at least partially within the dilute phase of the catalyst bed;

(4) an inlet of a first-stage cyclone separator disposed above the set of internals; and

(b) removing the unreacted ammonia from the effluent of the

catalyst bed by passing the effluent through the set of internals, wherein the

ammonia and hydrocarbons present in the effluent contact the dilute phase of the catalyst bed and react herein.

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9. (Amended) A process for removing unreacted ammonia from an effluent of a catalyst bed used in ammonoxidation of hydrocarbons, comprising the steps of:

(a) providing a fluidized bed reactor, said reactor comprising:

(1) a catalyst bed for reacting ammonia and hydrocarbons

D2 therein;

(2) a dilute phase of the catalyst bed disposed above the

catalyst bed;